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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued September 21, 2005 in connection with the above application, please amend the specification as set out beginning on page 2 of this paper, and the claims as set out beginning on page 5 of this paper. There are no amendments to the abstract or drawings. Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.